



Parklands Weekly News 18/09/2025

[Message from the Headteacher](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a lovely week. There's such a positive buzz around Parklands at the moment—it's wonderful to see the school so full of energy and excitement.

Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their journey with us. Today marked their first full day, and they've truly amazed us with how confidently they've settled in. You must be incredibly proud! We're looking forward to celebrating with you at our Welcome Garden Party next Tuesday—hopefully we'll see many of you there.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our Meet the Teacher events. Thank you for taking the time to come along. We hope to see even more of you over the coming weeks as we continue to build strong partnerships between home and school.

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions. It's a joy to see them exploring, learning, and thriving in our beautiful school grounds.

Finally, JOLF has been rescheduled for Wednesday—fingers crossed for some sunshine this time!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

Reporting your child's absence

We have a new email address for reporting your child's absence from school.

absent@parklands.school

Alternatively, please call the school on **01243 788630** (option 1) and leave an absence message.



shutterstock.com · 1314001103

Club Bookings Open

The club schedule for this term is attached. Bookings open at 19.00 on Friday 19th September until 19.00 on Sunday 21st September. Clubs start on Monday 22nd September (except for Year 1 Cooking and Growing).

School Office and website

Or call **01243 788630**

School website: www.parklands.w-sussex.sch.uk

You may not realise that our school website holds a huge amount of up to date information including a school calendar and yearly planner. Year group and curriculum information.

School Office



Free School Meals

You may be eligible for free school meals if your child is in full-time education and your household receives specific benefits, such as Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, the guarantee element of Pension Credit, or certain Child Tax Credits.

All children in [Year 1 and 2](#), and Reception year, automatically receive free meals, known as Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM).

However, to receive holiday **food vouchers you must apply for Free school meals.**

Please follow the link to apply:

[Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)





GrubClub - UK Harvest

Grub Club is a simple and impactful in-school initiative led by UKHarvest.

UKHarvest are working with schools by donating surplus food for redistribution within the school community, giving students the chance to learn about food waste while supporting at least 40 households per location with free food, and protecting the environment.

FREE FOOD! food is completely free but we do ask you to be mindful and only fill one bag with what your family will eat.

This will be placed on tables outside the front office every few weeks - *(dates are below on the 'dates for your diary' section)*

Please bring along a bag for life, **smaller bags** or containers for loose items and an **egg carton** *JUST IN CASE!*

We never know what we will receive but there is always a huge amount of choice - come and take a look.





Drop & Go for KS2

Just a quick reminder that Key Stage 2 children can be dropped off from 8:30am if you wish to use our **Drop & Go** system. Staff are on duty to welcome them safely into school, helping to ease the morning rush and support independence. Thank you for your continued support as we settle into our new routines!

Please note that **KS1 children should not be left** with KS2 children at this time. They will need to be supervised by their adult until 8.40am.



Macmillan Coffee invite!



Dear Parent/Carers you are **all invited** to a Macmillan Coffee afternoon. Year 6 will be hosting this Macmillan coffee event on **Friday 26th September at 2pm in the school hall**. This event will continue after school pick up. Drinks and cakes will be available for monetary donations to go to this great charity. As previous years please do bring a **reusable cup** if you have one.

If you would be kind enough to donate cakes for the sale please bring to the school office.
Thank you We look forward to seeing you all.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher Meetings

These will be held **in the school hall** on the following dates in the new Academic year:

Forest and Orchard Class - Tuesday 23rd September - at 2:45pm in the community room

Year 2 - Wednesday 24th September - at 9am

Year 6 - Thursday 25th September - at 2:45pm

Year 3 - Tuesday 30th September - at 2:45pm

Reception Together for 4 weeks Meeting - 1st October at 2:30pm

Year 5 - Thursday 2nd October - at 2:45pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing this academic year starting at 2:45pm on the following dates:

- Poplar Class – 3rd October
- Pear Class – 9th October
- Pine Class – 16th October

- Mulberry Class – 23rd October

- Maple Class – 6th November
- Walnut Class – 13th November
- Willow Class – 20th November

These are a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.



Meet and Chat with FLO



Our FLO would like to invite you to 'meet and chat' on the following Fridays:

- 19th September at 8:50am
- 17th October at 8:50am
- 14th November at 3pm
- 5th December at 8:50am
- 23rd January at 3pm

- 27th February at 3pm
- 24th April at 3pm
- 15th May at 8:50am
- 12th June at 3pm
- 3rd July at 8:50am

Enter through the playground door directly into the **community room**.

Come along and meet Karen Coles, have an informal chat with her and other parents.

We look forward to welcoming you!



School Uniform

Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan - with or without the Logo
- White or red polo shirt.
- Grey shorts or trousers.
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt
- Red and white checked dress in the summer.

School bag – children will need a bag for reading books and water bottles.

Shoes

- A pair of flat black plain/sensible shoe - plain unbranded trainers

- These should be sturdy and enclosed.
- Open-toe sandals are **NOT** permitted in the Summer.

Please note:

- Long hair must be tied up and hair bands should be in school colours.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school (with the exception of stud earrings). Please provide tape to cover earrings in PE or remove them in advance. If watches are worn they are **NOT** the responsibility of the school. No Smart watches are allowed.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is **MARKED WITH THEIR FIRST & LAST NAME** either by using name tapes or permanent marker pen.







PE Kit

Your Child will need :

- A plain white t-shirt
- A pair of red shorts
- A P.E kit bag
- A pair of black plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outside PE

During winter the children may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms.

Please note:

- Long hair must be tied up and hair bands should be in school colours.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school (with the exception of stud earrings). Please provide tape to cover earrings in PE or remove them in advance. If watches are worn they are **NOT** the responsibility of the school. No Smart watches are allowed.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is **MARKED WITH THEIR FIRST & LAST NAME** either by using name tapes or permanent marker pen.





WOW Walk to school challenge

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk or wheel the remaining journey. If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest of the way (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker). Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs. This includes pupils becoming WOW Ambassadors, leading assemblies, creating active travel notice boards, and other activities within the school day. If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk

What is a WOW badge? There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off at least once a week. WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to Walk with Joy, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. **Will you join us?** If you have any questions about the programme, please contact: Karen Coles – FLO, or find more information and useful videos at: livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

Let's swap those school runs for school walks



External Afterschool Clubs



KTroo runs on **Mondays 3:15-4:15pm** Available to children in the following year groups: 3,4,5 and 6 Please see attached poster for more information



Southern Karate Organisation

from 4 YEARS OLD

Tuesdays at 7:45am

£6 per session - PAY AS YOU GO

EMAIL: info@southernkarate.org to book your place

Stagecoach run an afterschool club on Wednesdays 4:15pm to 5:45pm They are offering a **free trial on Wednesday 17th September** for any parklands pupil in Reception & year 1.
<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/chichester> 07786 336983 Chichester@stagecoach.co.uk



Dance&Beyond Ballet at Parklands Primary! This will run every Thursday after school 3:10-4:00pm. Available for children in years 1,2 and 3. Twirl into a world of grace and excitement. Please see attached poster with joining information.

Wraparound care at Parklands

If your child attends the Hideout please send them with weather appropriate clothing - a hat and sun cream or a raincoat as they will be spending time outside.

If you need to contact wrap around care **whilst your child is attending** during the hours of 7:30-8:30am and 4pm to 6pm.

please call: **0771 682 4650**

Mud Kitchen

Dear parents/guardians,

As you may be aware, at breaktime the children have access to a range of different materials and opportunities. We are expanding our mud kitchen and would like your help with the following items;

- Frying pans
- Cooking pans
- Cooking utensils
- Plastic cups/plates/bowls
- Plastic Cutlery
- Outside table (Please send us a picture so we can ensure it works)

If you have any of these items which are no longer needed. We will happily repurpose them.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Walker



Community Corner

- **Wilfred Seal Trail**

Chichester Cathedral

To mark the [Cathedral's 950th anniversary celebrations](#), this new trail highlights the amazing stories behind some of the objects on display in our exhibition, [Religion, Rebellion &](#)

Reformation. The trail can be collected from the Visitors' Desk or at points around the Cathedral and will be running from 7th April – 15th November
2025. <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/wilfrid-seal-trail-children-and-families>



Other Notices

Please can we ask that adults **do not enter** the school building at the beginning or the end of the school day.

If you need your child needs to use a toilet or retrieve something from inside school please ask at the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Routine Appointments

Can we ask that whenever possible that you book any routine appointments outside of school hours.

Thank you for your continued support

We aim to be a **Nut Free School**.

Please remember that the children should not have any food items that contain nuts in their packed lunches.

Thank you for your support with this.

Reminder

Parking in the Surrounding Streets

We have been approached by residents in Cedar Drive to ask if parents can avoid leaving their engines idling when they are collecting or dropping their children at school.

Please do not park in the West Sussex Parking bays, these are for our organised transport only.

Thank you in advance for your support.

St Wilfrid's Car Park

We have been approached by St Wilfred's Church regarding parking in their car park. Please can we ask members of the school community parking there to be respectful towards everyone and to vacate the spaces as soon as possible at each end of the school day.



Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 93.71%

Beech: 93.51%

Birch: 92.24%

Cedar: 97.37%

Chestnut: 97.41%

Hawthorn: 92.24%

Hazel: 97.84%

Maple: 89.66%

Mulberry: 91.81%

Pear: 95.62%

Pine: 100.00%

Poplar: 91.25%

Tuesday

PTA Event – Welcome BBQ for Reception Starters

SSC - Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Wednesday - Children to wear sports clothes/PE Kit

JOLF

Year 2 - Meet the Teacher at 9am

Woodwind Lesson

Thursday

Year 6 - Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm Year 5 - Forest School

Violin Lesson

Friday

Macmillan Coffee Event - 2pm in the hall - **Everyone is invited**

Piano Lesson Year 6 - Swimming

[Dates for Your Diary](#)

Autumn Term Dates

Friday 19th September – Meet and Chat with FLO – at 8:50am

Friday 19th September – Year 6 Swimming

Friday 19th September - Grubclub

Tuesday 23rd September – PTA Event – Welcome BBQ for Reception Starters

Tuesday 23rd September – SSC Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Wednesday 24th September - JOLF - **Children to wear sports clothes/PE Kit**

Wednesday 24th September – Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 9am

Thursday 25th September – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 25th September – Year 6 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee at 2pm – all parents/careers are invited

Friday 26th September – Year 6 Swimming

Monday 29th September – Year 6 Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Tuesday 30th September – Year 3 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Wednesday 1st October – Reception ‘Together for 4 weeks’ Meeting at 2:30pm

Thursday 2nd October – Year 1 Forest School

Thursday 2nd October – Year 5 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm

Friday 3rd October – PTA - Dare to be Different – Non school uniform

Friday 3rd October – GrubClub

Friday 3rd October – Poplar Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Tuesday 7th October – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 7th October – Orchard and Year 5+6 Bookfest – Author visit

Wednesday 8th October - Year 3+4 Bookfest – Author visit

Thursday 9th October - Forest and Year 1+2 Bookfest – Author visit

Thursday 9th October – Pear Family Assembly at 2:45pm

Thursday 9th October - Year 1 Forest School

Friday 10th October – Year 6 Swimming

Monday 13th October – Year 6 Trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum

Tuesday 14th October – PTA Event – Movie Night

Tuesday 14th October – Year 6 Parent Residential Meeting 3:30-4pm

Thursday 16th October – Year 1 Forest School

Thursday 16th October – Pine Family Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 17th October - Meet and Chat with FLO – at 8:50am

Friday 17th October – Year 5 Bosham walk

Friday 17th October – GrubClub

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening 3:30-5pm and 5:30-7pm

Thursday 23rd October - Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 23rd October – Mulberry Family Assembly 2:45pm

Thursday 23rd October – Year 2 Forest School

Friday 24th October – Year 6 Evacuee Day and Museum

Friday 24th October – Year 6 Swimming



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025 – Half Term

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Children return to school

Friday 19th December 2025 - Children break up for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET DAY - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Children return to school.

Friday 13th February 2026 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Children return to school.

Friday 27th March 2026 - Children break up for the holidays.

Summer Term

Monday 13th April 2026 - INSET DAY - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Children return to school.

Monday 4th May 2026 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 - Half Term

Monday 1st June 2026 - Children return to school.

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Children break up for **Summer holidays!**



Contact Us

Parklands Community Primary School

Durnford Close

Chichester

West Sussex

PO19 3AG

Tel: **01243 788630**

Email: **office@parklands.school**

